


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 12 and 22 have been cancelled, while claims 5 and 16 have each been made proper independent claims and include the limitations of cancelled claims 12 and 22, respectively. In addition, claims 2-4 and 11 have been made dependent on claim 5, while claims 13-15 and 21 have been made dependent on claim 16.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 11-13, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by (unpatentable over?) International Patent Application No. WO 01/01316 A2 to Evans et al. The Examiner has further rejected claims 3, 4, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,502,766 to Boebert et al. The Examiner has found claims 5-10 and 16-20 allowable over the prior art of record. In view of the above changes, Applicant believes that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections have been overcome.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 2-11 and 13-21, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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